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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. MRS. CASWELL, WHO WILL BE VISITING THE TOONS CALLED IN
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

WILL DEPART JFK, JULY 8 ON PAN AM NUMBER 44, ARRIVING
MOSCOW JULY 9.

2. RE PRESEL ENQUIRY, WE UNDERSTAND JOCK DEAN HAS NOW AC-
CEPTED HIM FOR MBFR DEL. SINCE THIS WAS HIS FIRST CHOICE,
OUR ADVICE IS TO GRAB IT.

3. SORRY WE GOT NO GUIDANCE OUT TO YOU FOR CALL ON
BREZHNEV. BECAUSE INCOMING WAS NODIS NO ONE IN EUR
WAS ALERTED, SOMTHING YOU MAY WANT TO REMEMBER ESPECIALLY
ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. WE PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE TOLD
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YOU ANYTHING INTELLIGENT ANYHOW AND I ENJOYED MY FOURTH
MORE FOR NOT KNOWING.

4. SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION ABOUT THE ACYPL REPORT. WE
POUCHED IT TO PRESEL ON JULY 1.

5. RE FEDOSEYEV'S DAUGHTER, YOU MIGHT ASK FEDOSEYEV IF SHE

PLANS TO COME TO WASHINGTON SO THAT WE CAN RETURN SOME OF THE KINDNESSES SHE HAS SHOWN US WHEN SHE IS HERE.

6. REF. MOSCOW 9441 AND YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE CONSULAR REVIEW: WE AGREE THAT MFA INSISTENCE ON "A" VISAS FOR ALL 1500 PLUS SUPREME SOVIET DEPUTIES IS UNREASONABLE. MAYBE MFA DOES NOT UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THAT IN OUR SYSTEM WE CANNOT INSTITUTIONALIZE PRACTICES IN WHICH WE TREAT ONE COUNTRY, EVEN THE SOVIET UNION, BETTER THAN THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT ABOUT TO START GRANTING "A" VISAS TO ALL THE WORLD'S PARLIAMENTARIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR ONE THING, SOME MEMBERS OF NON-COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTS AND THEIR OLDER CHILDREN SMUGGLE NARCOTICS. YOU MIGHT TRY TO EXPLAIN THIS TO IPPOLITOV AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

7. WITH REGARD TO YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE USE OF NEW YORK AS A POINT OF ENTRY FOR RESIDENT DIPLOMATS, THE 1974 EXCHANGE OF NOTES SPECIFIED THE POINTS WHICH WOULD BE NORMALLY GRANTED. TO CHANGE THE PRACTICE WE SHOULD FIRST WITHDRAW FROM THE AGREEMENT BY PRESENTING A NOTE STATING THAT EFFECTIVE SOME DECENT PERIOD OF TIME - SAY, 30 OR 60 DAYS - THE US SIDE WITHDRAWS FROM THE 1974 AGREEMENT. THEN WE COULD CONTINUE PREVIOUS PRACTICE ON A RECIPROCAL AD HOC BASIS, OR AMEND IT. WE RATHER DOUBT THAT WE COULD GET AWAY WITH DENYING THE SOVIET EMBASSY THE USE OF NEW YORK OR THAT YOU COULD TOLERATE LOSS OF VYBORG, BUT MAKE A FRONT CHANNEL CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSAL IF YOU REALLY BELIEVE IT IS A GOOD IDEA.

8. WE AGREE IN GENERAL WITH YOUR PROPOSAL ABOUT TRANSIT VISAS, BUT EUR DID NOT AGREE RE ZINOVYEV AS INDICATED STATE 155937.

9. OTHER POSSIBILITIES WHICH WE DO NOT RPT NOT FAVOR PURSUING AT THIS TIME:

(A) WITHDRAW FROM THE 1974 AGREEMENT GRANTING ALTERNATIVE AIRPORTS TO AIRCRAFT CREWMEN;

(B) DISCONTINUE AUTOMATIC ISSUANCE OF "A" VISAS TO DEPUTY MINISTERS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE SO MANY THEY ARE NOT EQUIVALENT TO OUR CABINET AND SUB-CABINET OFFICERS. VANCE

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